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SUBJ: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG): PROGRESS REVIEW

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1. AT FEBRUARY 11 MEETING WITH ECMIN, MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR
MIGLIUOLO REVIEWED MATTERS PENDING UNDER EWG AEGIS:

(A) FINANCING: MIGLIUOLO PASSED EMBOFFS DRAFT RESPONSE
(WHICH WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY AIRGRAM) TO EXIM FINANCIAL
QUESTIONS (REF A), ADDING THAT RESPONSE LACKED THE PRECISION
THAT EXIM BANK PROBABLY DESIRES. MIGLIUOLO HOPED THAT EXIM
EXAMINATION AND COMMENT WOULD HELP GOI TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON
SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSIONS.

(B) URANIUM ENRICHMENT REPROCESSING: MIGLIUOLO NOTED
THAT ENRICHMENT DIALOGUE, INCLUDING U.S. VISIT OF ITALIAN
EXPERTS FOR DISCUSSIONS, SHOULD BE REPEATED IN FIELD OF URANIUM
REPROCESSING. GOI IS EAGER,, ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO, TO SEND
TECHNICAL EXPERT(S) TO U.S. TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON U.S. REPROCESS-
ING EFFORTS; ALTERNATIVELY, MIGLIUOLO ASKED THAT U.S. EXPERT
VISIT ITALIAN FACILITIES AND PREPARE EVALUATION TO DISCUSS WITH
ITALIAN EXPERTS.

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(C) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: MIGLIUOLO NOTED THAT THERE

HAD BEEN NO RPT NO USG RESPONSE TO THE GOI "SHOPPING LIST."

(D) NATURAL URANIUM: MIGLIUOLO PROPOSED VISIT OF ITALIAN EXPERTS TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN ERDA'S NURE PROGRAM (PROPOSAL DESCRIBED SEPTTEL).

2. MIGLIUOLO NOTED THAT THESE AREAS COULD BE DISCUSSED DURING PLENARY EWG MEETING, WHICH HE PROPOSED BE SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MARCH. AFTER NOTING THAT QTE PRELIMINARY UNQTE PHASE OF EWG WORK WAS ENDING, MIGLIUOLO EMPHASIZED THAT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION MAKES IT IMPERATIVE TO SHOW RESULTS.

3. COMMENT: IN THE DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION OF THE DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING AN EWG MEETING, WE BELIEVE THAT DUE WEIGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO POSSIBLE PUBLIC IMPACT DESIGNED TO COUNTERACT NEGATIVE IMPRESSIONS DESCRIBE ROME 2219.VOLPE

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